Change in Government Accounting System

2938. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Twelfth Finance Commission has asked for change in Government accounting system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have agreed with the views of Twelfth Finance Commission; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed new accounting system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission in the International Seminar in New Delhi on "Accounting for Results" held on 9-6-2003 conducted by Comptroller General of Accounts stated that "a question that is frequently asked is whether the way in which government accounts are prepared presents a true picture of the soundness of the fiscal system. It is in this context, there is considerable discussion on the relative merits of cash accounting and accrual accounting." He further added that "Government accountants have to seriously think in terms of how the cash system of accounting can be modified or supplemented so that the full picture of the monetary liabilities of the Government will be captured."

(c) The Twelfth Finance Commission is yet to submit its Report for consideration of Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Decline in Asia Pacific Private Equity

2939. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asia Pacific private equity in India has declined to $920 million in May-June this year as compared to $1.7 billion in corresponding period last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the prospects foreign private equity in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

LTC Bills of Government Employees

2940. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the TA/LTC bills of Government employees who perform journey by private airlines are being rejected on the ground that they should have performed journey by Indian Airlines even though their claim is restricted to rail fare and no financial implication is involved;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the Flexi/Apex/Bidding Fares of private airlines are less than the fares of Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. As per Supplementary Rules, travel at Government cost is to be performed by machines of public air transport companies only. It is only when the public sector air carriers do not ply on a particular route that the journey can be performed by Private Airlines. Although private carriers are giving many incentives yet with a view to patronize public sector air carriers it has been made mandatory for Government officers to travel by public sector air carriers at Government cost.

Appointment on Compassionate Ground

†2941.SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees of State Bank of India in Himachal Pradesh who died in harness during 2001 -2002;

(b) whether their dependants have been given employment on compassionate ground if so, the names of such persons, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.